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Box No. I Basis of the report

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- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
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- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 18 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 19 - 25 received by this Authority on 31 - 03 - 2004
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- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-54</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-54</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-54</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the international search report:

D1: EP 1130869, A1
D2: WO 0171525, A1
D3: WO 0072612, A1
D4: US 2001056508, A1
D5: US 6373926, B1
D6: WO 0191486, A1
D7: WO 0064110, A1

The object of the invention is to solve the problem of managing messages in a flexible way, by the aid of a "messaging manager".

In D1 a method for managing a user profile data base for storing user profile data representing sets of terminal devices of users in an information transmission network, wherein the data base comprises respectively for each user at least one customizable user profile which can be created, edited and/or deleted by the user and User Profiles are grouped in Contexts, where each Context is associated with an environment of the user representing a physical location and/or a logical context of the user (abstract; page 3, line 13- page 5, line 27).

The invention according to the amended independent claims 1 and 48 differs from D1, which is the most relevant document, by the search key procedure for searching a profile stored in the profile database. Also, the method in D1 is only intended for subscribers handling their own profile.

In the claimed invention the messaging manager allows another

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Supplemental Box

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party than a subscriber to manage the messages which are either sent or received by the subscriber. In practice, the other party may be a service provider, a service operator, or a customer care.

D2 deals with Web Browsers and Internet sessions (Abstract; page 23, line 32- page 24, line 16). Instead, the claimed invention deals with messages, such as SMS and MMS messages. Profiles and search keys are very different in D2 compared to the claimed invention.

Thus, the systems described in D1 and D2 are not "messaging managers" in the same sense than in the system claimed for. The invention according to the independent claims 1 and 48 is therefore not obvious to a person skilled in the art. The invention according to the amended independent claims 1 and 48 is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step. It also has industrial applicability.